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**Art Unit 2681**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/798,604; Filed: March 12, 2004  
For: **Method and Apparatus for Controlling Transmissions in  
Communications Systems**

Inventors: FEBVRE *et al.*

Our Ref: 1487.0150001

Sir:

Further to the Notice Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.251 mailed December 20, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.251, attached hereto are:

1. Copy of Notice Under 37 CFR 1.251 - Pending Application;
2. Copy of documents faxed to PTO on September 9, 2004; and
  - a. Copy of Decision According Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a) issued in Application No. 09/440,468 (*parent of present application, now abandoned*) and dated April 13, 2001;
  - b. Copy of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a) To Make The Application On Behalf Of Signing Inventor And A Non-Signing Inventor, filed Application No. 09/440,468 on April 9, 2001;
  - c. Copy of PTO date stamped receipt postcard for filing the present application, dated March 12, 2004; and

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- d. Copy of PTO date stamped receipt postcard for filing a Reply to the Notice To File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application, dated July 27, 2004; and
- 3. ONE (1) return postcard.

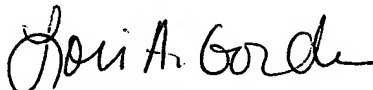
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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